

Amendments to the Abstract

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-- The invention relates to an illuminating device comprising an optical source (S)-emitting an unpolarized light beam (E1), a polarizing beam splitter comprising a grid polarizer (3)-situated between the faces (10 and 20) of two prisms (1, 2). The light beam penetrates into the first prism through a face (12) and reaches the polarizing beam splitter (3)-that transmits the light having a first polarization direction to the face (22)-that reflects it toward an exit face (21). In addition, the splitter reflects the light having a second polarization direction to the face (12)-that reflects it toward an exit face (11). Application: Display and projection systems

Figure for the abstract: FIGURE 2a.--